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SUBJ: STEPS AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED

1.THERE IS NOW A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT
WILL SECURE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AROUND THE BEGINNING OF
AUGUST. IN THAT EVENT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE READY TO GO
FAIRLY PROMPTLY WITH SOME KIND OF A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT ON " WHERE WE GO FROM HERE".

2. I HAVE DRAFTED A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO DEMIREL
WHICH MAKES THE POINTS AS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM MADE ON
THE BASIS OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION BOTH
IN WASHINGTON AND IN ANKARA. THERE IS AN ARGUMENT THAT A
LETTER IS UNDESIRABLE, GIVEN THE STILL HIGHLY BITTER
AFTER-TASTE OF THE JOHNSON LETTER AND THE RISK OF SELECTIVE
LEAKAGE. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW IT IS ARGUED THAT
IT MIGHT BE BETTER IN MY INITIAL CALL ON THE PRIME
MINISTER TO USE CAREFULLY DRAFTED WASHINGTON-APPROVED
TALKING POINTS WHICH I COULD LEAVE IN WRITTEN FORM ON
MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY. I AM STILL WEIGHING THE RELATIVE
ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE TWO APPROACHES AND
WOULD WELCOME YOUR OWN THOUGHTS AND JUDGEMENT. I TEND TO
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FAVOR THE LETTER SINCE THERE IS LESS CHANCE FOR ERROR IN
COMMUNICATION AND BECAUSE A PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE CARRIES
HEAVY WEIGHT.

3. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT MENTIONED IT IN THE
LETTER AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN A
DOCUMENT THAT CONCEIVABLY COULD BE LEAKED, WE HAVE HAD

STRONG SIGNALS HERE THAT SOME KIND OF "PARALLELISM" IS WHAT THE TURKS WILL LOOK FOR. DESPITE THE PITFALLS THIS APPROACH MAY WELL DESERVE SERIOUS THOUGHT. THE GENERAL IDEA IS TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH WE MOVE UNILATERALLY ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND THE TURKS MOVE UNILATERALLY ON CYPRUS-CONNECTED BUT NOT CONNECTED. DEPENDING TN HOW THE CONVERSATION WITH DEMIREL GOES, AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS TRICKY AREA COULD BE WORTHWHILE.

4. ALTHOUGH I WAS BRACED FOR A GOOD SLUG OF IT, I HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY THE DEPTH OF BITTERNESS AND SENSE OF GRIEVANCE AGAINST THE US AND ITS POLICIES I HAVE ENCOUNTERED HERE AT MANY LEVELS DURING MY FIRST WEEK. TURNING THE PRESEN SITUATION AROUND WILL REQUIRE GREAT FOREBEARANCE ON OUR PART-PARTICULARLY SINCE SELF-CRITICISM APPARENTLY IS NOT A STRONG TURKISH QUALITY- IF INDEED IT CAN BE ACHIEVED AT ALL. WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE A SLIGHT MOVE IN THE DIRECTION WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM WHAT IS POLITICALLY REALISTIC IN WASHINGTON. THIS IS MY OWN ATTEMPT TO MELD WHAT MAY BE UNMELDABLE. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP OF ALL OF YOU IN DEALING WITH WHAT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES OF SOME IMPRTANCE.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,
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I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR SPIERS TO DELIVER PERSONALLY MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TO CONVEY MY WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN THE DIFFICULT TASKS YOU FACE, AS ONCE AGAIN YOU ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR GREAT NATION.

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I WANT TO ASSURE YOU DIRECTLY OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTACH TO THE RESTORATION OF AMERICAN-TURKISH RELATIONS TO THEIR FORMER LEVEL OF STRENGTH. I REGRET THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LED TO A DETERIORATION IN THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AND MY ADMINISTRATION WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS THAT I AM CERTAIN THAT WE BOTH SEEK. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE WE BEGAN IN LONDON IN MAY, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN BE IN PERSONAL CONTACT IN THE FUTURE.

ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVED TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS THE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF OUR DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY BOTH SIDES. I HAVE MADE CLEAR MY SUPPORT FOR THIS AGREEMENT. I AM SATISFIED WITH ITS PROVISIONS AND CONSIDER THAT IS IMPLEMENTATION WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OF THE WIDER ALLIANCES OF WHICH WE ARE A PART.

AS I MADE CLEAR IN OUR MEETING IN MAY, I DO NOT LINK THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS WITH THAT OF OUR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. I AM NEVERTHELESS CONVINCED THAT PROGRESS IN BOTH AREAS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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STRENGTHENING OF THE ALLIANCE WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A SATISFACTORY EAST-WEST BALANCE. I AM SURE YOU AGREE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE WESTERN ALLIANCE ARE PREJUDICED WHEN DISPUTES BETWEEN OR AMONG ITS KEY MEMBERS INHIBIT ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COLORS THE ATTITUDES OF MANY AMERICANS AND THEIR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVABLE BY CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT SUCH CONCESSIONS NEED NOT PREJUDICE THE VITAL INTERESTS OF EITHER COMMUNITY. I AM ALSO CONVINCED THAT SUSTAINED PROGRESS TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, BESIDES BEING IN THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE WESTERN COMMUNITY, WOULD INSURE THE SUPPORT I NEED TO GAIN APPROVAL OF OUR DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY THE

UNITED STATES CONGRESS. MY ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARED TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO GET THE DCA APPROVED THIS YEAR, BUT I WILL NEED HELP IF THIS OBJECTIVE IS TO BE A FEASIBLE ONE.

I CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED TO OFFER ANY UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE WHICH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS DISPUTE WOULD FIND USEFUL. I WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS OWN INTEREST IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM AND BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION AS STRONGEST OF THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN PRESSING THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL AND EARLY CONCLUSION. I AM READY TO ASK SECRETARY CLARK CLIFFORD TO RESUME HIS EFFORTS TO EXPLORE WITH THE PARTIES POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL PROVIDE A STABLE AND LASTING ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

I WOULD WELCOME A FRANK EXPRESSION OF YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUES WHICH I HAVE DEALT WITH IN
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THIS MESSAGE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AMBASSADOR SPIERS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT WE SHOULD SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO MAKE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING AN ISSUE WHICH HAS DONE SO MUCH TO TROUBLE NOT ONLY OUR OWN RELATIONSHIP BUT THE IMPORTANT SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AS WELL.
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